

time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 4337) was considered read the third time and passed.

#### ADVISORY COUNCIL ON CALIFORNIA INDIAN POLICY EXTENSION ACT OF 1998

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate now proceed to the consideration of calendar No. 595, H.R. 3069.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 3069) to extend the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to allow the Advisory Council to advise Congress on the implementation of the proposals and recommendations of the Advisory Council.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill, which had been reported from the Committee on Indian Affairs, with an amendment; as follows:

(The part of the bill intended to be inserted is shown in *italic*.)

H.R. 3069

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

#### SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Advisory Council on California Indian Policy Extension Act of 1998".

#### SEC. 2. FINDING AND PURPOSE.

(a) FINDING.—Congress finds that the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy, pursuant to the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy Act of 1992 (Public Law 102-416; 25 U.S.C. 651 note), submitted its proposals and recommendations regarding remedial measures to address the special status of California's terminated and unacknowledged Indian tribes and the needs of California Indians relating to economic self-sufficiency, health, and education.

(b) PURPOSE.—The purpose of this Act is to allow the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy to advise Congress on the implementation of such proposals and recommendations.

#### SEC. 3. DUTIES OF ADVISORY COUNCIL REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF PROPOSALS AND RECOMMENDATIONS.

(a) IN GENERAL.—Section 5 of the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 2133) is amended by striking "and" at the end of paragraph (6), by striking the period at the end of paragraph (7) and inserting "; and", and by adding at the end the following new paragraph:

"(8) work with Congress, the Secretary, the Secretary of Health and Human Services, and the California Indian tribes, to implement the Council's proposals and recommendations contained in the report submitted under paragraph (6), including—

"(A) consulting with Federal departments and agencies to identify those recommendations that can be implemented immediately, or in the very near future, and those which will require long-term changes in law, regulations, or policy;

"(B) working with Federal departments and agencies to expedite to the greatest extent possible the implementation of the Council's recommendations;

"(C) presenting draft legislation to Congress for implementation of the recommendations requiring legislative changes;

"(D) initiating discussions with the State of California and its agencies to identify specific areas where State actions or tribal-State cooperation can complement actions by the Federal Government to implement specific recommendations;

"(E) providing timely information to and consulting with California Indian tribes on discussions between the Council and Federal and State agencies regarding implementation of the recommendations; and

"(F) providing annual progress reports to the Committee on Indian Affairs of the Senate and the Committee on Resources of the House of Representatives on the status of the implementation of the recommendations."

(b) TERMINATION.—The first sentence of section 8 of the Advisory Council on California Indian Policy Act of 1992 (106 Stat. 2136) is amended to read as follows: "The Council shall cease to exist on March 31, 2000."

#### SEC. 4. HEALTH OR SOCIAL SERVICES FACILITY.

Section 1004(a) of the Coast Guard Authorization Act of 1996 (Public Law 104-324; 110 Stat. 3956) is amended by striking "use other than for a facility for the provision of health programs funded by the Indian Health Service (not including any such programs operated by Ketchikan Indian Corporation prior to 1993)" and inserting "use as a health or social services facility".

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the committee amendment not be agreed to.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The committee amendment was rejected.

Mr. COATS. I ask unanimous consent the bill be considered read a third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear at the appropriate place in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The bill (H.R. 3069), as amended, was considered read the third time and passed.

#### NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY ACT

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Commerce Committee be discharged from further consideration of H.R. 1274, and further, that the Senate then proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A bill (H.R. 1274) to authorize appropriations for the National Institute of Standards and Technology for fiscal years 1998 and 1999, and for other purposes.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection to the immediate consideration of the bill?

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the bill.

AMENDMENT NO. 3810

(Purpose: To amend the Technology Administration Act of 1998)

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, Senator FRIST has a substitute amendment at the desk, and I ask for its consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

The Senator from Indiana [Mr. COATS], for Mr. FRIST and Mr. ROCKEFELLER, proposes an amendment numbered 3810.

(The text of the amendment is printed in today's RECORD under "Amendments Submitted.")

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the substitute amendment be agreed to, the bill be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and that any statements relating to the bill appear in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The amendment (No. 3810) was agreed to.

The bill (H.R. 1274), as amended, was read the third time and passed.

#### WORKFORCE IMPROVEMENT AND PROTECTION ACT OF 1998

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I now ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the consideration of H.R. 3736, a bill to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to make changes relating to H-1B nonimmigrants.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Is there objection?

Mr. HARKIN. I object.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The objection is heard.

Mr. COATS. Mr. President, I regret that this objection is being made. The bill is vital to the technology industry, and this objection makes it impossible to pass the bill this year.

Mr. HARKIN. Will the Senator yield for about 3 minutes?

Mr. COATS. I am happy to yield to the Senator.

Mr. HARKIN. I appreciate the Senator from Indiana yielding to me to explain why I object to this.

Before I get into that, let me say that I was here for part of his speech. He thanked his staff. I thought it was a very gracious and wonderful thing the Senator did. It was really nice.

I must say, I will miss you here in the Senate, DAN. As I said before, you have been a wonderful person to work with. I hate to end it on this note, where I am objecting to something that you are bringing up. You have been a great Senator. You have been a great human being to work with. We will miss you. I will miss you, personally. All of my friends who have left said there is a life beyond the Senate. Quite frankly, it is probably a lot better, considering we are here at 7:30 on a Friday night.

Mr. President, I just want to explain why I object to this bill. This is the bill